

## January is National Radon Action Month

## Test Your Home. Protect Your Health.

During January's National Radon Action Month, the U.S. Surgeon General and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urge all Americans to protect their health by testing their homes for radon. Radon is a natural radioactive gas that you can't see, smell, or taste but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home. As the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the U.S. and the first leading cause among non-smokers, radon claims more than 20,000 lives annually. If a high radon level is detected in your home, you can take steps to fix it to protect yourself and your family. For more information about what you can do to protect your health and take action against radon during National Radon Action Month, please visit <a href="www.epa.gov/radon/nram/public.html">www.epa.gov/radon/nram/public.html</a>, or <a href="www.scdhec.gov/radon">www.scdhec.gov/radon</a>. To receive a free radon test kit from S.C. DHEC, email <a href="radon@dhec.sc.gov">radon@dhec.sc.gov</a>.

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